

CLAIMS LISTING

I claim:

Claims 1 - 32 (withdrawn from prosecution per restriction requirement).

Claim 33: (Original) A cheek pouch anchor, for placement within a user's cheek pouch to maintain positioning of a work piece in a user's mouth while a user's jaws, inter occlusal space, and lips open and close, comprising:

A spring element adapted

- to be placed within a user's cheek pouch, and
- to compress as a user's jaws close, and
- to resiliently expand so as to form and maintain a span bridging across a user's inter occlusal space and a user's lip opening formed as a user's jaws and lips open and close, and
- to receive joinder to a work piece, and

having structural strength sufficient, when joined to a work piece, to maintain placement within a user's cheek pouch while a user's lips and jaws open and close.

Claim 34: (Original) The cheek pouch anchor of claim 33 wherein said spring element is formed of at least one of the following:

- metal,
- plastic,
- resilient monofilament plastic line.

Claim 35: (Original) The cheek pouch anchor of claim 33 further comprising:

said cheek pouch anchor is joined with a conduit for a fluid, which conduit is adapted for placement at least partially in a user's cheek pouch.

Claim 36: (Original) The cheek pouch anchor of claim 33 wherein said spring element comprises:

- a resilient filament

- which is configured into a plurality of connected loops, each loop having a loop span size, and

- said plurality of loops are combined to form a whole spring element with a whole spring element span size, and

- each one of said plurality of loop span sizes is mutually adjustable relative to at least one other of said loop span sizes, such that an increase or decrease in the loop span size of any one of said plurality of loops results in a converse decrease or increase in the loop span size of at least one other of said plurality of loops, thereby enabling adjustment of said whole spring element span size by said mutual adjustment within said plurality of loop span sizes.

Claim 37: (Original) The cheek pouch anchor of claim 33, improved to dispense a substance within a user's mouth, wherein said spring element is adapted to receive impregnation or coating with a substance which is to be released in a user's mouth.

Claim 38: (Original) A cheek pouch anchor, for placement within a user's cheek pouch, comprising:

A spring element adapted

- to be placed within a user's cheek pouch, and
- to compress as a user's jaws close, and
- to resiliently expand so as to form and maintain a span
 - bridging across such user's inter occlusal space as such user's jaws open, and
 - bridging across such user's lip opening formed as such user's lips open, and
- to receive impregnation or coating with a substance which is to be released within such user's mouth,

whereby said spring element is enabled to maintain its placement within a user's cheek pouch and to release such substance while such user's lips and jaws remain free to open and close.

Claim 39. (Previously presented, May 17, 2007) An adjustable cheek pouch anchor, for placement within a user's cheek pouch to maintain positioning of a work piece in a user's mouth while a user's jaws, inter occlusal space, and lips open and close, comprising:

a spring element formed of a resilient filament

sized to fit within a user's cheek pouch, and

having a dynamic span

that is resiliently expandable within a user's cheek pouch to maintain a bridge across a user's inter occlusal space and lip opening that form as a user's jaws open, and

that is flexibly compressible to allow a user's jaws and lips to fully close while said spring element is within a user's cheek pouch, and

capable of receiving attachment of a work piece, and

having structural strength that is sufficient for said spring element to maintain itself, with a work piece attached to it, within a user's cheek pouch while a user's jaws open and close; and

said resilient filament

is configured into a plurality of connected loops

each such loop having a loop span size, and

each such loop span size having a range of expansion and compression, and

said plurality of connected loops form a whole spring element having a whole spring element span size, and

said whole spring element span size having a range of expansion and compression, and

said range of expansion and compression of least one of said loop span sizes of said plurality of connected loops is adjustable relative to

at least one other of said loop span sizes, and
said connected loops translate an adjustment in said range of expansion and
compression of the loop span size of at least one of said plurality of
connected loops into an adjustment in said range of expansion and
compression of said whole spring element span size.

Claim 40. (Previously presented, May 17, 2007.) A cheek pouch anchor, for
placement within a user's cheek pouch and releasing a substance in a user's mouth,
comprising:

A spring element

sized to fit within a user's cheek pouch, and

having a dynamic span

that is resiliently expandable within a user's cheek pouch to maintain a
bridge across a user's inter occlusal space and lip opening that form as
a user's jaws open, and

that is flexibly compressible to allow a user's jaws and lips to fully
close while said spring element is within a user's cheek pouch, and

having the capability to carry a substance, and

having structural strength that is sufficient for said spring element, while
carrying the substance, to maintain itself within a user's cheek pouch while a
user's jaws open and close, and

having the capability to release the some portion of the substance into the
user's mouth.

Claim 41. (New). A cheek pouch anchor, for placement within a user's cheek pouch to stabilize a work piece in a user's mouth, comprising:

A spring element

sized to fit within one of a user's cheek pouches, and

having a dynamic span such that

said spring element resiliently expands within one or more of a user's cheek pouches to maintain a bridge across a user's inter occlusal space and lip opening that form as a user's jaws open, and

said spring element flexibly compresses to allow a user's jaws and lips to fully close while said spring element is within one or more of a user's cheek pouches, and

having the capability to receive attachment to a work piece, and

having structural strength that is sufficient for said spring element, with a work piece attached, to maintain itself within one or more of a user's cheek pouches while a user's jaws open and close.

Claim 42. (New). A cheek pouch anchor as in claim 41, further comprising:

said cheek pouch anchor is joined with a conduit for a fluid, which conduit is configured to enable placement of it at least partially in one or more of a user's cheek pouches.

Claim 43. (New) A cheek pouch anchor, for placement within a user's cheek pouch and releasing a substance in a user's mouth, comprising:

A spring element

sized to fit within one of a user's cheek pouches, and

having a dynamic span such that

said spring element resiliently expands within one or more of a user's cheek pouches to maintain a bridge across a user's inter occlusal space and lip opening that form as a user's jaws open, and

said spring element flexibly compresses to allow a user's jaws and lips to fully close while said spring element is within one or more of a user's cheek pouches, and

having the capability to carry a substance, and

having structural strength that is sufficient for said spring element, while carrying the substance, to maintain itself within one or more of a user's cheek pouches while a user's jaws open and close, and

having the capability to release a portion of the substance into the user's mouth.